

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-26, 31 and 32, drawn to an apparatus;

Group II: Claims 27-30, drawn to a method.

In response, the applicants elect Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 27-30 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuing application.

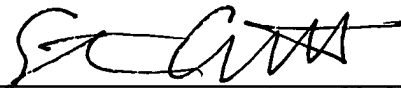
Accordingly, the applicants have elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-26, 31 and 32.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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